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Subject: Re: Larry's series of HRO Surgery articles
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At 10:38 08/22/1998 -0400, Mike Warren wrote:
>I'd like to nominate Larry Ware for "HRO Doctor of the Year" award.

Oh No, HRO's are not even my specialty.
I'm not what anyone would call an expert restorer, all the radios
around here get used on a regular basis, and are closer to
blue collar working rigs than museum pieces.

I'm much more into coil-catacomb Nationals.
(Have a file cabinet full of manuals, notes, pictures, etc. and
lots of parts. Eight working versions, all different. And
4 or 5 more in queue. :-)

There *are* several real HRO experts on boatanchors, they write
privately and chide me from time to time. :-)

Bill Fizette (of the AWA) writes about HRO's frequently in the
AWA "Old Timers Bulletin." Great source of good information,
highly recommended!

My ongoing coil-catacomb research has produced an article for
publication, which is currently in the back-and-forth between
the editor and me stage...
I hope to be able to brag about it shortly. :-)

And the nc100.txt file in the boatanchors archive gets updated
whenever I remember.
If you want to identify your National coil-catacomb radio, this
file is a good place to start.

-Larry

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Dick Dillman <ddillman@igc.apc.org>
Subject: Knight R-55

Any interest in a Knight R-55 receiver (Moore's 3rd Page 13)? There's one available locally that I could pick up if anyone's interested in the radio. It appears complete and with original knobs.

Regards,

Dick

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Subject: PM-23 impedance

I have a SX-28A and a PM-23 speaker here. Naturally I want to mate the two. According to Dachis the PM-23 was originally equipped with a 5000 Ohm matching transformer. The SX-28A provides 500 and 5000 Ohm audio outputs.

Does anyone know the impedance of the speaker in the PM-23 so that I can look for an appropriate matching transformer? Can anyone suggest an appropriate matching transformer for the application?

Best Regards,

Dick

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It is worth noting that the often maligned Knight R-55 comes in two flavors. The R-55 (no suffix) has square corners and the round cornered one is called an R-55A. I owe someone a copy of the first one manual so have that fresh in mind.

A Knight R-55 of whatever stripe is notable for a 1650KC IF strip, not 455 like the R-100 Knight which seems to come in all sorts of colors and styles. The R-55 would thus do some good with images on the marked 6M band if it could hear there. Samples I have examined cannot hear a baby monitor in the next room. I am shaken, by the way, to note that even the lowly blooper (Ocean Hopper?) came in two varieties. There was an all black and one that had a black and white panel. All this taught a life lesson back in '63, but I missed it then:

You could squish over the \$50 R-55 or the \$100+ R-100 and, if you settled on the \$18 Ocean Blooper you made the right decision. One of those little two-tube regeneratives was up for \$75 at a local sale where gather broadcast radio collectors. Price was \$75. It sold. Today that would buy a R-55 and a R-100.

73 de ab5L, michael in dallas, student of Tecraft and International Crystal (ICM) ham products and mementoes of Six Meters' Golden Age: 1957-58
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Subject: RCA Conelrad Receiver
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Anchorites,

Does anyone have any documentation on an RCA CR-17A Conelrad Receiver. This is an All American Five plus one in a fancy metal case with relays, pilot lights, an electromechanical timer, and a controlled AC outlet. It was ostensibly intended to sound the alarm when the balloon went up. Any help appreciated.

73,

Al

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Dick Dillman <ddillman@igc.apc.org>
Subject: 51J-4 Filters

Greetings, fellow enthusiasts. I write to inform and 51J-4 owners who may not be aware of them of the replacement mechanical filters for that set available through Wally Chambers of Memphis, TN.

After searching fruitlessly for a 6Kc. filter for my 'J-4 I heard of Wally and gave him a call. His filters are based on the Collins Y model mounted on perf board with a little adjustable matching transformer at each end. Four pins properly spaced for the 'J-4 filter socket protrude through the board.

I ordered one from Wally and installed it in the radio the other day.
Peaking was quick and easy using the calibrator at 30Mc. as a signal source.

Based on only a couple of days of operation I'd say the filter is a winner.
It makes the 'J-4 come alive on AM *and* it provides 20+ db of additional
gain - just as Wally said it would.

These filters may not be for the Collins purist. They're well made but
they're clearly home made. If only the original parts will do for you and
your 'J-4 Wally's filters probably won't cut it. But if you, like me, are
mainly interested in having the 'J-4 perform up to its design capability I
think they're worthy of consideration, especially at the price: \$150. I'm
thinking of ordering two more of Wally's filters for the narrower bandwidths.

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From: "Lawrence R. Ware" <lrware@pipeline.com>
Subject: National NC-80X revival
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Good afternoon folks!
Today we start on the revival of a poor, abused NC-80X.
The NC-80X was Nationals 1938 (pre war) low cost coil catacomb
receiver. It and its close cousin, the ham band only NC-81X led
Nationals attempt to capture a piece of the entry level market from
Hallicrafters and other builders of less than stellar performance

radios in 1938-39. <grin>

(Who me? I'm not a radio bigot. *Everyone* knows that Nationals are the only radios for genteel gentlemen collectors. Halli's are far too common, Collins collectors too rabid, and what can you say about Heathkit's? :-)

As received, this radio is missing the two speed dial drive and related parts. The dial glass and glass frame is broken, the rubber bushings that support the chassis in the case have rotted to pieces, and several other minor problems have been identified.

I'm calling this one a revival instead of a restoration because the patient will undergo some minor and reversible, but *much* needed modifications before I'm done.

The 100-120V version of the NC-80X is a true AC-DC set without a power transformer. A transformer was a factory supplied option if you bought the 240V version. Because I don't like AC-DC sets with one side of the line tied to the chassis, I'm going to install a small power transformer in this one. By using the existing mounting holes, etc. this will also be a reversible mod. Other power related mods will include a 3 wire power cord and inrush limiter.

The odd two speed dial drive has proven for over a year now to be completely unfindable. It is an unusual sized variation of the National Velvet Vernier drive. Also has an odd tuning ratio that doesn't seem to have been used anywhere by National except in the NC-80/81X series. I speculate they bought it instead of making one of their own, because of its unique characteristics, and that nothing like it appeared in Nationals parts catalogs of the era.

I plan to graft a standard National Velvet Vernier drive in to replace the missing original. By making a sub mounting plate for it, I can use the existing mounting points and preserve the front of the radio should the unobtainium drive appear someday. Until then, A standard V/V and cut to fit shaft will couple to the tuning cap. and dial cord.

This radio was a gift from a very kind gent (Thanks again Ed!) who sent it my way when he learned I was researching the history of Nationals coil-catacomb radios. I've told you about the bad news, so time for the good: Rust free, and the paint is in good shape. All correct knobs except for the missing main tuning drive. Dial is dirty but will clean up quite nicely. Everything else is still in place and the radio appears to be a virgin in the sense that I see no obvious modifications anywhere.

The first steps will be to tear it down for complete cleaning and replacement of the rubber grommets the chassis sits on. Then I'll fabricate the replacement main tuning assy, and locate a suitable 1:1 isolation transformer.

-Larry

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: "William C. Robbins" <billrobb@net-link.net>
Subject: FS: Manuals

The following Heathkit manuals are for sale.....SHIPPED:

AR-3	Receiver	\$17
CA-1	Conelrad Alarm	15
CM-1050	Engine Analyzer	10
CP-1060	Cap. Discharge Ignit.	12
GC-1005	Electronic Clock	12
GD-29	Electronic Oven	10
GH-52	Soldering Iron	7
GR-53A	Color Television	17
GR-104	Portable Television	15
GR-740	40 Channel Scanner	15
GW-10	Citizens Band Trans.	15
HD-1234	Coaxial Switch	7
HD-1416	Code Oscillator	7
HD-1424	Active Antenna	12
HD-1481	Remote Coax Switch	12
HD-1515	Phone Patch	12
HD-1984	Micoder II	10
HG-10	VFO	10
HM-15	SWR Bridge	7
HM-102	RF Power Meter	10
HN-31	Cantenna Dummy Load	7
HO-5404	Station Monitor	17
HP-13	DC Power Supply	12

HP-13A	DC Power Supply	12
HS-24	Speaker	5
HWA-5400-1	Speaker/PS	15
HX-20	SSB Mobile Transmitter	17
ID-4001	Weather Sta - 2 VOL.	25
IN-17	Decade Res. box	7
IN-27	Decade Cap. box	7
IN-3117	Decade Res. Box	7
IT-27	Trans. Diode Checker	7
MP-10	Power Converter	10
QF-1	Q Multiplier	10
SA-5010	Mico matic Keyer	17
SB-101	SSB Transceiver	20
SB-104	SSB trans. - 2 VOL	25
SB-104A	SSB trans. - 2 VOL	25
SB-221	Linear Amp	20
SB-301	SSB Receiver	17
SB-600	Speaker	7
SB-604	Speaker	7
SB-610	Monitor Scope	15
SB-630	Station Console	15
SBA-104-1	Noise Blanker	7
SBA-104-3	CW Filter	3
SBA-300-3	6-Meter Converter	7
SBA-300-4	2-Meter Converter	7
SS-3	Speaker System	5

Thnaks

Bill

Heathkit Collector
WA8CDU formally WN8CDU

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Date: Sat, 22 Aug 1998 19:05:20 -0500
Subject: Change my e-mail address
Message-ID: <19980822.190522.3206.0.lrm-brm@juno.com>
From: lrm-brm@juno.com (Larry R. McGee)

Well with Juno's last updates, unwanted ads and trying to get me on their web sight, I have had enough of their "FREE" service. Please change me from lrm@juno.com to lrm@tbcnet.com. Hope all will go smoothly. Thanks... Larry.

You don't need to buy Internet access to use free Internet e-mail.
Get completely free e-mail from Juno at <http://www.juno.com>
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Subject: Hunting for tubes...
Message-Id: <19980823002106.JFFA18415@LOCALNAME>
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Looking for the following tubes that are not in my inventory:

4 ea. 6HF5
2 ea. 6GX6
2 ea. 7056
4-8 ea. 7059
2 ea. 12KD6

(All preferably NOS)

Would prefer to trade. I have a lot of tubes here. What are you looking for?
Also have some Johnson transmitting variables of various sizes and
Centralab 'doorknob" ceramic capacitors. I am trying to find spares for
a Hallicrafters SR-400 transceiver I'm getting.

73,

Sandy W5TVW

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
CC: heath@listserv.tempe.gov, collins@listserv.tempe.gov
Subject: bulkhead-mount BCN females
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I have a whole box of these single-hole-mount BNC females brand-new if
anyone needs one. SASE and a buck. Ideal for the BC-221 VFO conversion
as the fit in the BC-221 headphone-jack hole without drilling or
filing. The should also fit in an RCA-jack hole with minor filing.

Brian Sherwood

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Brian (Harris) who e-mailed about the Hallicrafters SX-140 RX),

Have owned several SX-140 and am quoted in review of same in Electric Radio. It is from that rig that I became interested in the regenerative superhet and, from there, in Frank Jones' work as he was a pioneer in the scheme. I argue there is one in "5 Meter Radiotelephony," 1934, but the others want to say that resistance coupled affair isn't truly a "Super Gainer."

Six Meter performance of the SX 140? Better than most but still less than marginal. When I post my list of 6M RXs and TXs, will face the problem of knowing whether to even mention these "Six Meters too" affairs a la SX-140/HT-40 et Globe 680 et als transmitters. A Six Meter RX without a 6AK5 amp or, later, a 6BS8/ 6BK7 etc dual triode cascode, would not be as useful as a RME-152! Moreover, while the big Pi ets cooked on the 6-band TXs, maybe QRP signal got out -- mostly to Ch 2.

A triumph of marketing bested, easily, by the 3 1/2 X 6 inch T-12 board transmitter changed to 6M and a companion International Crystal FCV-1 converter (FCV-1 + 6AK5, 6J6; FCV-2 = 6BK7, 6U8) with output at 7 mc or BCB. Paperboys (persons) could buy that setup for a song.

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Hi All,

It's been a couple of weeks since the Antique Radio Club of Illinois Radiofest wrapped up and seeing the cover of this months Electric Radio reminded me that I haven't read much on the BA list about this event.

"Mr. August", Harry Blesy N9CQX organized the first-ever vintage ham demonstration at the ARCI Radiofest and by all accounts, it was a great success. Harry hauled out many of his own BA goodies, including the SX-88 that was playing through the R-42 Reproducer as I walked up to the tent on Wed. morning. It was paired with the Valiant on AM, with SX-115, 75A4, and HT-37 also in play that day. The guys also had to pack up the gear every night, which we all know is an aerobic activity!

While the thrust of Radiofest is vintage broadcast radios, the ham station fit in perfectly, offering visitors a chance to see some great radios up-close-and-personal (and operate them too). That wonderful AM audio was like a magnet! (Or could it have been the big tent on a misty day?) I thought it was a great addition to the 'fest and have heard that several visiting hams now have a renewed interest in BAs and vintage operating. Keep this idea in mind and when a venue arises in your area, give it a try!

73, Bob W9RAN

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pawing thru my storage i found this ATU:
it's not at hand right now so from memory-
about 8" tall, 5" wide, 10" deep.
ceramic connectors at front top for xmtr and antenna,
then below it, a switch, and at bottom a var cap. sez
for range 500- 1500 kcs. transmitter controls "H" and "J".
if there was a nameplate, it is gone now. marked
"serial 2114" tho.
is this for ART-13 ??? of interest to anyone ??
tnx, hue miller

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Subject: Enemy (BCB collector) territory survival.
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The Fall brings four years that I have been a member of the Vintage Radio and Phonograph Society (VRPS), a collection of Atwater-Kent types here. That much time in a ham club would make my Vice President, but the VRPS is just consenting to have me as a speaker. Still, I have learned enough to make some observations:

The radio collector groups don't like hams. The next question is, "do they DISlike hams? I think they do. They consider us barbarians. One of them asked fellow intruder W5FRS (who has the guts to wear a ham nametag at meetings) where to get miniature pin jacks for early VOMs. "I just strip off the wire and use a toothpick to hold it in," said Dennis. I thought the collector would swoon.

They think our methods blunt and sometimes use the word "hammy" as a derisive, but part of the ham aversion is that they don't have what I can call a CB class, and we do. Eleven Meter emergees are increasingly welcome in ham circles, but not at Atwater Kent clubs. One does not ask Terri Harding to Wimbelton.

Strangely, I think, some others of them don't think us technical enough. I was never really accepted until I engaged the president in a conversation on quench frequencies for Super-regeneration and spoke reverently of Maj. Amnstrong (like Terri Harding must speak of Elvis.) But the other half of the Collectors (sorry John Knowles) think us TOO technical. They think we don't appreciate the nuances of a Catlin or a Cathedral, whatever those things are.

But the auctions and rummage sales are great because they don't want the things we rever. A first model Meissner Signal Shifter went home with W5FRS for \$5 after they said, "must be some kind of a transmitter.."

So if you have a chapter of the Antique Wireless Association around, consider joining. But be careful. I find it valuable to think of myself as Herbert A. Filbrick.

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"What is THIS?," he demanded.

I am never ready for these visits. He broke me once on 6M CW, while I was sending at 20, and asked QRQ. Another time he showed up at a Fort Worth rummage sale in a disguise buying 815s, and one night he broke me on CB groundwave as I tested a Preisdent Fillmore. That time he was in Houston, 250mi away, and got to 11M by killing one of his push-push 8877s. This time I am peacefully diging thru a box of "as is" at a broadcast radio club outdoor event. He can always find me and I am never ready.

"Hello, Frank," I said hollowly. I turned to see that he was not in his "good buddy" disguise, but I have no way to know if this is the real Frank. Today he is of medium to tall stature with roundish black-rimed glasses, starched shirt, fore-in-hand loose at the collar, and wide lapel brown jacket, which matched his pleated trousers, over one arm. Natty, I thought. "Going to Church?" I asked, knowing it a mistake as I said it as anything I say seems to give him an opening.

"You need to go to Confession," he said. "Get rid of the Sin of Appliance

Operating and take up the narrow path of home radio construction so you will be ready when the time of wailing and grinding teeth arrives." He needed not to elaborate as I know his pitch: He and his friends are mad about 5 Meters and plan to take it back when the FCC moves TV up. They will not visit the spectrum auction -- just move in with rigs and techniques perfected on Six Meters. They call themselves, mellow-dramatically to my ear, The Five Meter Liberation Army (FLMA).

"QSL, Frank," said I, "I was just looking in here for a ceramic octal socket."

"I'll get you one out of the car," he answered, motioning to a Frazier what was gathering a crowd of ogglers. It matched his jacket. "But what is this?" he again demanded.

"Four little ducks and some sheep?" I asked, looking at the proffered device, "I think it is a baby monitor."

"How does it work?" he demanded, moving closer.

"Triples from a 16 mc rock, Super-regenerative receive, 100mW max.," I said.

"Forty nine magacycles?" he demanded? Forty-nine?" (If Frank fell into his final, broke the envelope and soaked his spats in blood, he would still not say Hertz.)

I was going to say more but Frank muttered, "thanks" and headed off to the Frazier, ignoring the Atwater-Kent types momentarily turned car buffs and hiding the baby monitor under his jacket on the upholstered seat beside him. As he drove away I wondered how he got away with plates that old...and where to find the ceramic octal socket Frank forgot to give me.

73 de ab5L, michael in dallas, student of Tecraft and International Crystal (ICM) ham products and mementoes of Six Meters' Golden Age: 1957-58

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From: PLT1032@aol.com
Message-ID: <6d990dc5.35e026c3@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 23 Aug 1998 10:27:14 EDT
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Subject: Parts wanted for SCR-288 / BC-474

Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

I'm looking for Filter FL-10, Headset RCA 5803-5, Key, RCA MI-8136 and legs for the unit.

Thanks,

Bob Lindgren

Message-Id: <3.0.5.32.19980823094435.00887a80@pop.pipeline.com>
Date: Sun, 23 Aug 1998 09:44:35 +0000
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: "Lawrence R. Ware" <lrware@pipeline.com>
Subject: nomination for oddest thing found in a radio
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

This weeks nomination for oddest thing found in a radio:
1/2" tall pot metal trophy cup. Such as used with older, (before plastic) board games as a place marker.

Glad I found this *before* power was applied. :-)
Guess someone thought the old National was a winner.....

-Larry

OK, who stopped payment on my reality check?

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Message-ID: <35E04B05.5040@algorithms.com>
Date: Sun, 23 Aug 1998 12:01:57 -0500
From: bill riches <richesb@algorithms.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
CC: r-390@qth.net
Subject: New Jersey Hamfest
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Just returned from Gloucester County ARC NJ hamfest near Philadelphia.

The flea market area was 1/4 the size of last year - the stuff for sale

was sad - no ham stores - just tailgaters cleaning out their garage - most of the stuff looked like the stuff they could not sell in past years. I wonder if hamfests as we knew them are fading into the past!

Wayne Green's editorial in 73 said a survey by ARRL says the average age of American hams is 57, a year older than last year. Crowd age division was all over the place - 25 - 70. The highlight of equipment sale was a nice clean EAC R390A with meters and original manuals with a sold sign on it at a W3's table. I asked what it sold for and he would not say. The lowlight was seeing a Heathkit ssb tx and receiver that was painted a horrific shade of green - with a brush. Saw a beat up sx28, hq115, several plastic radios and a restored?? philco cathedral for \$350! This used to be a good Hamfest with loads of stuff and ham stores from pa and e but I guess computers and lack of interest is hurting.

Last year the NJ Sales tax police was there signing up vendors on the spot to collect sales tax. If they did not - they had to leave. Some of the vendors wer quite vocal and took their marbles and went home. This year I did not see the Tax man but he must have been about as several small seedy vendors were packing up at 9am and were quite vocal about it. Geese - they are selling everything for cash - give the state their 6% - we know that everyone keeps accurate cash records!

Just my observations,

73,

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